

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on February 17, 2005. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-30 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1, 25 and 29 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects the invention of the alleged **Group I invention** having claims **1-30**. An early Action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

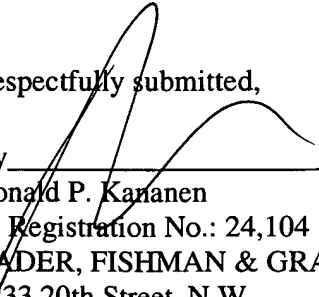
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number. If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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